WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for processing data transfer jobs, comprising:

a first memory that inputs and stores data for each of a plurality of jobs, and transfers the data for each of the plurality of jobs to an output device;

a second memory:

a controller that, when a transfer of data from the first memory has ended for a given job, stores history information for the given job in the second memory; and

an interface circuit that receives a status inquiry and forwards the status inquiry to the controller,

wherein upon receipt of the status inquiry, the controller retrieves the history information from the second memory, and sends the retrieved history information to the interface circuit.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second memory and the first memory are implemented in the same physical device.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the history information indicates whether the transfer of data for a given job has either terminated normally, terminated

abnormally, or terminated as a result of a stop instruction received from a user.

4.   The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the status inquiry includes information that specifies at least one category of data transfer job, and the controller sends history information corresponding only to the specified at least one category to the interface circuit.

5.   The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the output device comprises a printer.

6.   A data processing apparatus comprising:

connection means for connecting to an external device;

input means for inputting an instruction to execute a job;

processing means for processing the job based on the instruction input by said input means; and

informing means for informing a result of the job procesing executed by said processing means to the external device through said connection means.

7.   An apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising storage means for storing the result of the job in correspondence with a type of the job;

wherein said informing means informs the result of the job stored in said storage means.

8. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said storage means stores the result of the job together with time information.

9. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said storage means selectively stores the result of the job according to the type of the job.

10. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said informing means informs the result of the job in response to an instruction provided from the external device connected to said connection means.

11. An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said connection means is connected to a network for connecting a plurality of terminals, and said informing means informs the result of the job to one of the terminals connected to the network.

12. An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said informing means informs the result of the job in correspondence with a user inquiry made at the one of the

terminals.

13.   A control method of a data processing apparatus executing a job, comprising the steps of:

discriminating a result of the job executed by said data processing apparatus; and

informing the discriminated result of the job to an external device connected to said data processing apparatus.

14.   A control method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of storing the result of the job in correspondence with a type of the job;

wherein the informing step informs the result of the job stored in the storing step.

15.   A computer readable program, stored in a storage medium, for controlling a data processing apparatus executing a job, said computer readable program comprising the steps of:

discriminating a result of the job executed by said data processing apparatus; and

informing the discriminated result of the job to an external device connected to said data processing apparatus.